APPENDIX

1. A computer-implemented method for stylizing data comprising:

obtaining a domain object comprising an object representation of data stored in a database for a domain entity;

a first portable stylization process stylizing the data of the domain object into an application object comprising an object representation of the data in the domain object that is relevant for a particular computer application; and

a second portable stylization process stylizing the data of the application object into a presentation object comprising an object representation that encapsulates a visual appearance of the data in the application object;

providing the presentation object for viewing the data in the encapsulated visual appearance.

- 2. The method of claim 1 wherein the domain object contains all information about the domain entity that the domain object represents
- 3. The method of claim 1 further comprising a stylization agent object stylizing the application object for the domain object based on a stylization context, wherein the stylization context identifies only that data relevant for the particular computer application.
- 4. The method of claim 1 wherein the application object further comprises business logic that provides functionality for the particular application.

- 5. The method of claim 1 further comprising a stylization agent object stylizing the presentation object from the application object based on a stylization context, wherein the stylization context identifies a visual appearance for the data in the application object.
- 6. The method of claim 1 further comprising obtaining a stylizer object, wherein the stylizer object comprises:
- a data object selected from a group comprising the domain object and application object;

 a stylization context object, wherein the stylization context object comprises a stylization

 context.
 - a stylization agent;
- a mapping of the stylization agent to a paired index of data objects and stylization context objects; and
 - a stylize method that invokes an appropriate stylization agent based on the mapping.
- 7. The method of claim 6 wherein the paired index is a two-dimensional array of stylization agents indexed by a data object class and stylization context.
 - 8. The method of claim 1 further comprising caching the application object.
 - 9. The method of claim 1 further comprising eaching the presentation object.
 - 10. The method of claim 1 wherein the domain entity is a mechanical domain entity.

- 11. The method of claim 1 wherein the domain entity is an architecture, engineering and construction (AEC) domain entity.
- 12. The method of claim 1 wherein the domain entity is a geographic information system (GIS) domain entity.
- 13. An apparatus for stylizing data in an object-oriented computer system comprising:

 one or more object-oriented computer systems having a memory and a data storage device
 coupled thereto;
- a domain object stored in the memory of a first computer system, the domain object comprising an object representation of data stored in a database for a domain entity;
- a first portable stylization process configured to stylize the domain object into an application object, wherein the application object is stored in the memory of a second computer system, the application object comprising an object representation of the data in the domain object that is relevant for a particular computer application; and
- a second portable stylization process configured to stylize the application object into a presentation object, wherein the presentation object is stored in the memory of a third computer system, the presentation object comprising an object representation that encapsulates a visual appearance of the data in the application object.

- 14. The apparatus of claim 13 wherein the domain object contains all information about the domain entity that the domain object represents.
- 15. The apparatus of claim 13 further comprising a stylization agent object configured to stylize the application object for the domain object based on a stylization context, wherein the stylization context identifies only that data relevant for the particular computer application.
- 16. The apparatus of claim 13 wherein the application object further comprises business logic that provides functionality for the particular application.
- 17. The apparatus of claim 13 further comprising a stylization agent object configured to stylize the presentation object for an application object based on a stylization context, wherein the stylization context identifies a visual appearance for the data in the application object.
- 18. The apparatus of claim 17 further comprising a stylizer object, wherein the stylizer object comprises:
- a domain object selected from a group comprising the domain object and application object;

 a stylization context object, wherein the stylization context object comprises a stylization

 context;
 - a stylization agent;
- a mapping of the stylization agent to a paired index of data objects and stylization context objects; and

a stylize method that invokes an appropriate stylization agent based on the mapping.

- 19. The apparatus of claim 18 wherein the paired index is a two-dimensional array of stylization agents indexed by a data object class and stylization context.
- 20. The apparatus of claim 13 wherein the application object is stored in a cache of the second computer system.
- 21. The apparatus of claim 13 wherein the presentation object is stored in a cache of the third computer system.
 - 22. The apparatus of claim 13 wherein the domain entity is a mechanical domain entity.
- 23. The apparatus of claim 13 wherein the domain entity is an architecture, engineering and construction (AEC) domain entity.
- 24. The apparatus of claim 13 wherein the domain entity is a geographic information system (GIS) domain entity.
- 25. An article of manufacture comprising a program storage medium readable by a computer and embodying one or more instructions executable by the computer to perform a method for stylizing data in an object-oriented computer system, the method comprising:

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obtaining a domain object comprising an object representation of data stored in a database for a domain entity;

stylizing the data in the domain object by obtaining an application object comprising an object representation of the data in the domain object that is relevant for a particular computer application; and

stylizing the data in the application object by obtaining a presentation object comprising an object representation that encapsulates a visual appearance of the data in the application object.

- 26. The article of manufacture of claim 25 wherein the domain object contains all information about the domain entity that the domain object represents.
- 27. The article of manufacture of claim 25 wherein a stylization agent object obtains the application object for the domain object, wherein the stylization context identifies contains only that data relevant for the particular computer application.
- 28. The article of manufacture of claim 25 wherein the application object further comprises business logic that provides functionality for the particular application.
- 29. The article of manufacture of claim 25 wherein a stylization agent object obtains the presentation object for the application object based on a stylization context, wherein the stylization context identifies a visual appearance for the data in the application object.

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- 30. The article of manufacture of claim 29, the method further comprising obtaining a stylizer object, wherein the stylizer object comprises:
- a domain object selected from a group comprising the domain object and application object;
 a stylization context object, wherein the stylization context object comprises a stylization
 context;
 - a stylization agent;
- a mapping of the stylization agent to a paired index of data objects and stylization context objects; and
 - a stylize method that invokes an appropriate stylization agent based on the mapping.
- 31. The article of manufacture of claim 30 wherein the paired index is a two-dimensional array of stylization agents indexed by a data object class and stylization context.
- 32. The article of manufacture of claim 25, the method further comprising caching the application object.
- 33. The article of manufacture of claim 25, the method further comprising caching the presentation object.
- 34. The article of manufacture of claim 25 wherein the domain entity is a mechanical domain entity.

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- 35. The article of manufacture of claim 25 wherein the domain entity is an architecture, engineering and construction (AEC) domain entity.
- 36. The article of manufacture of claim 25 wherein the domain entity is a geographic information system (GIS) domain entity.